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AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312

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Dear Sir:

Please amend this application after allowance, under Rule 312, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 9.

Please amend claims 1, 8, 13, 14, 18, 22-25, 27, 30, 31, and 34.

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1. (Twice Amended) A compact currency evaluation device for identifying the denomination of currency bills of different denominations comprising:

a housing having a depth dimension, a width dimension and a height dimension within which said device is enclosed;

said height dimension being about 4 times the smaller cross-sectional dimension of the smallest dimensioned bill to be identified by said device;

a discriminating unit for retrieving characteristic information from one or more bills;